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WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 5, 1989

Members Present

Thomas Jenkins, Deputy Director
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil Defense

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Philip J. Arthur
Environmental Control Manager
Finch Pruyn & Company, Inc.

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Michael C. Robinson, M.D., Chairman
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Chief Carl Carlton
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Trooper Steve Craig
New York State Police

Chief Thomas Donohue
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

William M. Roden
Environmental Columnist

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Hammond Robertson, Chairman
Warren County Board of Supervisors

R. F. Davies, President
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Sheriff Fred Lamy

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

Joan Grishkot, Director
Health Services

Chellie Mitchell, Business Manager
WBZA

Members Absent (continued)

Karen Rae, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Hon. Robert D'Andrea
Assemblyman - 108th District

Mrs. LaVerne B. Fagel, Manager
Safety, Health & Environmental Assurance
Ciba-Geigy Corp.

Gary Kebbel, Managing Editor
The Post Star

GUESTS

Mayor Frank O'Keefe
City of Glens Falls

The meeting was opened by Tom Jenkins, Chairman, at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

A copy of James River's emergency plan was given to the committee members for inclusion in their books. A copy was sent to Paul Lent of Saratoga County.

Since our last meeting the chairman has been getting together with Nursing Homes and establishing emergency plans. He showed the committee the one from Hallmark Nursing Center. As soon as they have polished it up, he is going to use it as a prototype plan for other nursing homes.

He also talked to the Glens Falls Home who would like to use the Glens Falls Armory as a staging area for evacuation which so far has seemed to be a problem. We contacted the State Emergency Office who is now going through the chain of command to obtain this permission for them.

We wrote to all the area superintendents of schools for their bus equipment for our evacuation plans. We are now in possession of the lists for Queensbury and South Glens Falls schools and the Community Workshop and Greater Glens Falls Transit.

The schools have been mandated to have a Disaster Plan in place by October 1, 1990 and as part of their plans they are required to cooperate with us and give us any information we require. Also to sign agreements with the American Red Cross for sheltering.

On January 4th the chairman is having a meeting with the State representative for BOCES to get our plan ready to have a general meeting with the schools in Warren and Washington Counties which will be held on January 19th.

We attended several courses at the State Police Academy; one on developing volunteer resources and the other on creative financing. Creative financing explains how to help get things done even if you have no budget dollars through grants, in-kind services, etc.

The chairman has already signed up for two more courses being held at the State Police Academy. One is a course in emergency planning and the other on Civil Defense roles.

Some discussion ensued regarding other buildings which might be vulnerable such as Stichman Towers and Continental Insurance. This is something we will be working on in the future.

Mayor O'Keefe brought up the subject of communications with schools during emergencies, they do not appear to be on the same frequency as the emergency services. It was also questioned as to how nursing homes, and other adult residences are notified. We will be addressing these things.

Our office will be attending a SEMO course in Albany January 8 - 12 on Emergency Planning.

Phil Arthur raised the question of chlorine at James River. The Glens Falls Fire Dept. has orientations at Finch Pruyn periodically and he felt we should inquire if South Glens Falls Fire Dept. does them at James River due to their close proximity to Stichman Towers and the Civic Center.

We are still working on plans for Glens Falls chlorination plants. It was suggested that we should mark all chlorination plant sites on a map.

Dr. Robinson gave us an update on Poison Control Centers. Ellis Hospital is now closed and the closest location to us is Nyack, NY which is who you talk to when you call the 800 number which hasn't been published yet.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6-103 at the Municipal Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.